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SUBJ: LIBYAN MISSION ARRIVES IN LISBON

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1. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED SEPT. 4 ARRIVAL OF THREE-MAN LIBYAN GOODWILL MISSION TO PORTUGAL (REF B). LIBYAN FONMIN AFRICA SECTION CHIEF MOHAMED EL KEEB, AND BUSINESS ASSISTANT IN BELGIUM SHABAN GASHUT.

2. ACCORDING TO GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY, MISSION, WHICH ARRANGED ON LIBYAN INITIATIVE, HAS SPOKEN WITH GOP PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCABLES, SECSTATE FONAFFAIRS JORGE CAMPINOS, AND FONMIN MARIO SOARES. INVITATION TO
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VISIT LIBYA EXTENDED TO PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN

MINISTER; FONMIN SOARES ACCEPTED INVITATION AND WILL
ALSO VISIT TUNIS.

3. COMMENT: SOARES TOLD EMBOFFS AT AUG. 28 LUNCHEON
THAT LIBYAN GOODWILL MISSION WOULD TAKE PLACE, AND THAT
IT ONLY COURTESY VISIT AND NOT UNFRIENDLY SIGNAL TO US.

4. AS REPORTED REF A, SOCIALIST LEADER TO STOP IN TUNIS TO
HOLD TALKSWITH FNLA IN COMING WEEKS. IT MAY BE THAT
SOARES WILL USE HIS VISIT TO TUNIS FOR SAME PURPOSE.

5. ON SEPT. 5 PORTUGUESE AMB. TO UN VEIGA SIMAO
ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT LIBYAN VISIT HAD
NOTHING TO DO WITH RUMORED ARAB OFFER (REFTEL C) TO
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GOP IF LATTER WOULD
TERMINATE US BASE RIGHTS IN AZORES.
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